GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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NON AVAILABILITY OF WAX
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to non-availability of wax during the last two years the industries relating to this product are being closed, particularly in West Bengal and Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps being taken by Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a)&(b) The demand of Paraffin wax in Bihar and West Bengal is generally met through paraffin wax produced by IOC at its Digboi Refinery.The average production of paraffin wax type-II at Digboi Refinery during 2004-05 was 3032 MTs/month, whereas in the year 2005-06 it was 3016 MTs/month.In the state of Bihar due to imposition of entry tax effective 01.04.04, the upliftment by distributors for resale has considerably reduced.

(c) While oil companies will continue to maintain their production / supply of Paraffin Wax to meet the existing demands, Government have decontrolled the import of Paraffin Wax and consuming companies are free to import directly their requirements of paraffin wax and match wax.